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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed D.C. Appropriations, 1997.

House committee ordered reported 10 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8833–S8941

Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1989–1992. **Page S8866**

Measures Passed:

Sexual Offender Tracking and Identification Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1675, to provide for the nationwide tracking of convicted sexual predators and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S8777–81

Gramm Amendment No. 5038, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8777–80**

D.C. Appropriations, 1997: Senate passed H.R. 3845, making appropriations for government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, after agreeing to committee amendments.

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Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Jeffords, Campbell, Hatfield, Kohl, and Inouye. **Page S8829**

Interstate Stalking Punishment and Prevention Act: Senate passed H.R. 2980, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to stalking, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Lott (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 5083, to prohibit persons convicted of a crime involving domestic violence from owning or possessing firearms.

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Hydroelectric Project Extension: Senate passed H.R. 1051, to provide for the extension of certain

hydroelectric projects located in the State of West Virginia, clearing the measure for the President.

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National Historical Publications and Records Commission Authorization: Senate passed S. 1577, to authorize appropriations for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001.

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Cambodia Most-Favored-Nation Treatment: Senate passed H.R. 1642, to extend nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Cambodia, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S8930–31

Small Business Investment Company Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 1784, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S8931–38

Murkowski (for Bond/Bumpers) Amendment No. 5090, to provide for an extension of the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program.

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Health Coverage Availability and Affordability Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3166, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, to simplify the administration of health insurance, and to reform medical liability, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S8938–41

Murkowski (for Specter) Amendment No. 5091, in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S8938–41

Federal Employee Representation Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 782, to amend title 18 of the United States Code to allow members of employee associations to represent their views before the United States Government, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1997: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3540, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, taking action of amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S8741–77, S8781–S8820, S8833–63

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 238), McCain Modified Amendment No. 5017, to require information on cooperation with United States anti-terrorism efforts in the annual country reports on terrorism.

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By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 244), Coverdell Amendment No. 5018, to increase the amount of funds available for international narcotics control programs.

Pages S8745, S8819–20, S8833–36, S8841–42

Cohen Amendment No. 5019, to sanction certain U.S. assistance to Burma unless such sanctions would be contrary to U.S. national security interests. (By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 243), Senate failed to table the amendment.)

Pages S8745–58, S8795–96, S8808–16

McConnell (for Bumpers) Amendment No. 5020, to allocate foreign assistance for Mongolia.

Pages S8758, S8760

McConnell (for Reid) Amendment No. 5021, to restrict the use of funds for any country that permits the practice of female genital mutilation.

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McConnell (for Inouye/Bennett) Amendment No. 5022, to earmark funds for support of the United States Telecommunications Training Institute.

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McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 5023, to delete provisions relating to a landmine use moratorium.

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McConnell (for Leahy/Inouye) Amendment No. 5024, to require a report on actions of the Government of Tunisia with respect to civil liberties and the independence of the judiciary.

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McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 5025, to provide additional funds to support the International Development Association.

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McConnell/Leahy Amendment No. 5026, to amend the notification requirements provisions.

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Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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By 70 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 240), Helms Amendment No. 5028, to prohibit United States voluntary contributions to the United Nations and its specialized agencies if the United Nations attempts to implement or impose taxation on United States persons to raise revenue for the United Nations.

Pages S8765–68, S8774–75, S8853–54

Murkowski Amendment No. 5029, to express the sense of the Congress regarding implementation of United States-Japan Insurance Agreement.

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McConnell (for Helms) Amendment No. 5030, to express the sense of Congress regarding the conflict in Chechnya.

Pages S8770, S8772

McConnell (for Brown) Amendment No. 5031, to allocate funds for demining operations in Afghanistan.

Pages S8770, S8772

McConnell (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 5032, to require a General Accounting Office study and report on the grants provided to foreign governments, foreign entities, and international organizations by United States agencies.

Pages S8770–72

McConnell (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 5033, to require a GAO study and report on the grants provided to foreign governments, foreign entities, and international organizations by United States agencies.

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McConnell (for Simon) Amendment No. 5034, to clarify the use of certain development funds for Africa.

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McConnell (for Moynihan) Amendment No. 5039, to require certain reports on the situation in Burma regarding labor practices.

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McConnell (for Graham) Amendment No. 5040, to make Haiti eligible to purchase defense articles and services.

Pages S8775–76

McConnell (for Brown/Simon) Amendment No. 5041, to express the sense of the Congress that the United States should take steps to improve economic relations between the United States and the countries of Eastern and Central Europe.

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McConnell (for Specter) Amendment No. 5042, to permit certain claims against foreign states to be heard in United States courts where no extradition treaty with the state existed at the time the claim arose and where no other adequate and available remedies exist.

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McConnell (for Brown) Amendment No. 5043, to express the sense of the Congress that Croatia be commended for its contributions to NATO and peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia.

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McConnell (for Brown) Amendment No. 5044, to express the sense of the Congress that Romania is

making significant progress toward admission to NATO.

Pages S8775-76

Kerry Amendment No. 5046 (to Amendment No. 5045), to promote the establishment of a permanent multilateral regime to govern the transfer of conventional arms. (Subsequently, the amendment fell when Amendment No. 5045, listed below, was tabled.)

Pages S8783-84

By 96 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 242), Domenici Amendment No. 5047, to withhold international military education and training assistance from Mexico unless the Mexican Government either apprehends and prosecutes or extradites the ten most wanted drug lords indicted in the United States.

Pages S8788-95, S8807

By 81 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 245), Brown Modified Amendment No. 5058, to expedite the transition to full membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization of emerging democracies in Central and Eastern Europe.

Pages S8797-98, S8806-07, S8836-42

McConnell (for Inouye) Amendment No. 5059, to express the sense of the Congress regarding expansion of eligibility for Holocaust survivor compensation by the Government of Germany.

Pages S8798, S8805, S8854

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 5060, to allocate funds for commercial law reform in the independent states of the former Soviet Union.

Pages S8798-99, S8805

McConnell (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 5061, to urge continued and increased United States support for the efforts of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia to bring to justice the perpetrators of gross violations of international law in the former Yugoslavia.

Pages S8798-S8801, S8805

McConnell (for Pressler) Amendment No. 5062, to state the sense of the Senate on the delivery by the People's Republic of China of cruise missiles to Iran.

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McConnell (for Pressler) Amendment No. 5063, to state the sense of the Senate on delivery by China of ballistic missile technology to Syria.

Pages S8798, S8803-05

McConnell (for McCain) Amendment No. 5064, to treat adult children of former internees of Vietnamese reeducation camps as refugees for purposes of the Orderly Departure Program.

Pages S8798, S8804-05

McConnell Amendment No. 5065, to provide for a report on activities of the military forces of the People's Republic of Korea.

Pages S8798, S8805

McConnell (for Helms) Amendment No. 5079, to require the deobligation of certain unexpended economic assistance funds.

Pages S8816-17

McConnell (for Bingham) Amendment No. 5080, to express the sense of the Senate in opposition to the military overthrow of the Government of Burundi and to encourage the swift and prompt end to the current crisis.

Pages S8816-19

McConnell (for Abraham) Amendment No. 5081, to provide for \$15,000,000 earmarked for the American Schools and Hospitals Abroad Program from the Development Assistance Account.

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McConnell (for Abraham) Amendment No. 5082, to provide for \$5,000,000 earmarked for a land and resource management institute to identify nuclear contamination at Chernobyl.

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Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 5084, to reduce the contribution to the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

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McConnell/Leahy/Lautenberg Amendment No. 5085, to establish the Bank for Economic Cooperation and Development in the Middle East and North Africa.

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McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 5086, to provide for the transfer of unobligated and unearmarked funds to International Organizations and Programs.

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McConnell (for Pell) Amendment No. 5087, to express the sense of the Senate that the United States Government should encourage other governments to draft and participate in regional treaties aimed at avoiding any adverse impacts on the physical environment or environmental interests of other nations or a global commons area, through the preparation of Environmental Impact Assessments, where appropriate.

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Murkowski Amendment No. 5089 (to Amendment No. 5078), to provide conditions for funding North Korea's implementation of the nuclear framework agreement.

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Rejected:

By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 239), Smith Amendment No. 5027, to strike funds made available for the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

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Dorgan/Hatfield Amendment No. 5045, to establish standards of eligibility for arms transfers and give Congress a role in reviewing which governments are eligible for U.S. arms transfers and military assistance. (By 65 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 241), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Pending:

Simpson Amendment No. 5088, to strike the provision which extends reduced refugee standards for certain groups.

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Lieberman Amendment No. 5078, to reallocate funds for the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Friday, July 26, 1996.

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Health Insurance Reform Act—Conferees: Senate insisted on its amendment to H.R. 3103, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, and to simplify the administration of health insurance, agreed to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Roth, Kassebaum, Lott, Kennedy, and Moynihan.

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Small Business Job Protection Act—Conferees: Senate insisted on its amendments to H.R. 3448, to provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, to increase the take home pay of workers, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Senators Kassebaum, Jeffords, and Kennedy; and from the Committee on Finance: Senators Roth, Chafee, Grassley, Hatch, Simpson, Pressler, Moynihan, Baucus, Bradley, Pryor, and Rockefeller.

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Energy and Water Appropriations, 1997—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1959, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, on Friday, July 26, 1996.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Glenn Dale Cunningham, of New Jersey, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Jersey for the term of four years.

Joan B. Gottschall, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Robert L. Hinkle, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.

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Messages From the House:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total–245)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, July 26, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8831.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMMERCE ONLINE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1726, to promote electronic commerce by facilitating the use of privacy-enhancing technologies, after receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; William A. Reinsch, Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; William P. Crowell, Deputy Director, National Security Agency; James Barksdale, Netscape Communications, Mountain View, California; Roel Pieper, Tandem Computers, Inc., Cupertino, California; and Grover Norquist, Americans for Tax Reform, and Michael Skol, Diplomatic Resolutions, both of Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL PARKS/SITES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 1699, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in the vicinity and outside the boundaries of Carlsbad Caverns National Park, New Mexico, and S. 1809, entitled "Aleutian World War II National Historic Sites Act", after receiving testimony from John Reynolds, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and Brad Gilman, Ounalashka Corporation, Unalaska, Alaska.

WORLD BANK PROJECTS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine the nature of Xinjiang Production and Construction Corp and its role in administering World Bank projects in Xinjiang, China, receiving testimony from David Lipton, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Jeffrey L. Fiedler, Washington, D.C., and Harry Wu, Milpitas,